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REPORT

TOPIC Rothenburg Airfield

EVALUATION

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6 October 1955

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. Between 1530 and 1800 on 31 August 1955, no air activity was observed at Rothenburg airfield. Nine Il-28s or U-Il-28s were observed on the eastern edge of the field. ¹ 25X1

2. Three railroad tank cars of normal size were seen on the spur track. Just west of the track there were 6 containers which had the size of railroad tank cars and 5 containers twice as large. It appeared that these containers were to be installed. 25X1

3. Three new two-story brick buildings, each about 40 x 20 meters, were under construction opposite the main entrance south of the ramp, east of the Rothenburg - Lodenau road. The buildings were arranged behind each other from west to east. The westernmost building was almost completed.

4. The following radio installations were observed:

A strong cable led from the airfield parallel to and west of the Lodenau - Steinbach road to a single-mast radio installation which was about 300 meters northwest of Lodenau. A truck and a semi-underground wooden barracks were seen next to the mast which was about 12 meters high. The distance between the mast and the wooden barrack was 10 to 15 meters. No operating personnel were observed.

Next to the above-mentioned cable there were 2 thin cables which extended to the north. Two cables branched off to the west to a single-mast radio installation which was about 1,200 meters south-southwest of Steinbach which was 400 meters west of the Lodenau - Steinbach road. A radio truck was parked next to the 12-meter mast. No operating personnel were seen.

After branching off to the latter radio installation, the two cables extended to another radio installation which was about 800 meters southwest of Steinbach, about 400 meters west of the Lodenau - Steinbach road. This installation consisted of 2 masts, each about 18 meters high, 30 meters apart and interconnected by an antenna. A newly erected wooden barrack of medium size was seen between the two masts. Five radio trucks were parked in a circle at irregular intervals around the two masts and the barrack. Six to 8 men were seen in the area. No antennas were observed on the vehicles.

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A PKV-45 DF station consisting of 4 masts, all 10 to 12 meters high, was located about 460 meters west of the Lodenau - Steinbach road, about 1,200 meters southwest of Steinbach. ¹

5. The following motor vehicles were observed:

Truck [] with a large and round canvas-covered device, presumably a searchlight. 25X1
 sedan [] occupied by 3 officers wearing blue-bordered golden epaulets with air force insignia. 25X1

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6. On 5 September, no air activity was observed at Rothenburg airfield. A total of 20 Il-28s or U-11-28s [] were parked near the piece of wood west of the Rothenburg Lodenau railroad line. The aircraft [] had no rear turrets. An additional 5 aircraft were believed to be stationed at the field. ¹

7. The two AA gun emplacement at the field were recently occupied by 4 x 37-mm AA guns each. There were possibly more emplacements on the field which could not be observed. ⁵

8. The 4 radio installations north of the airfield were still unchanged on 5 September. ²

1. [] Comment. Rothenburg airfield is occupied by a bomber regiment. 25X1

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3. [] Comment. [] the AA gun emplacements are located about 200 meters west of the runway, about 1 km north of Bremenham at the edge of the piece of wood. 25X1

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